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1. USNATO SHOULD APPROACH LUNS, POINTING OUT TO HIM THAT WE APPRECIATE HIS SENSITIVITIES ON RAISING QUESTION OF DPC DISCUSSION OF ALLIED ASSISTANCE FOR TURKEY IN LIGHT OF SHARP GREEK REACTION TO PRESS REPORTING OF HIS PUBLIC REMARKS. YOU SHOULD ALSO CONFIRM TO LUNS THAT ANY MILITARY-RELATED ASSISTANCE OR SALES BY OTHER ALLIES TO TURKEY WOULD BE ON A NATIONAL BASIS, AND NOT A COLLECTIVE

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ACT BY THE NATO INSTITUTION. THE DPC FRAMEWORK, HOWEVER,

IS CLEARLY THE MOST APPROPRIATE AND AVAILABLE FORUM IN WHICH TO IDENTIFY TURKISH NEEDS AND ENLIST THE INTEREST OF MEMBER STATES. THE U.S. ATTACHES IMPORTANCE TO MEETING THESE NEEDS. ACCORDINGLY, THE US WILL PURSUE THIS IDEA FURTHER WITH OTHER ALLIES. YOU MAY ADD FURTHER FOR LUNS' INFORMATION THAT WE CANNOT PREDICT NATURE AND TIMING OF POSSIBLE CONGRESSIONAL ACTION TO CHANGE PRESENT US CUT-OFF, AND THAT WE VIEW DPC DISCUSSION OF TURKEY'S NEEDS AS USEFUL PROOF TO TURKEY OF THE IMPORTANCE OF ITS FULL ROLE IN NATO.

2. DRAWING ON REF A, AND POINTING OUT THAT ANY ASSISTANCE

BY NATO MEMBERS WOULD BE AS INDIVIDUAL ALLIES, MISSION SHOULD BRIEF OTHER DPC ALLIES OF OUR PLANS. UNLESS TURKEY HAS STRONG OBJECTIONS TO THE PROCEDURE, YOU SHOULD PROCEED TO ASK THE DPC TO CONSIDER TURKEY'S NATO-RELATED MILITARY EQUIPMENT AND FUND NEEDS.

3. FOR THE HAGUE. YOU SHOULD TELL RUTTEN WE AGREE WITH HIM ON DESIRABILITY OF NATO DISCUSSIONS OF HOW TO FILL GAP RESULTING FROM US LEGISLATION ON MILITARY SALES TO TURKEY, INFORM HIM THAT WE ARE TAKING UP THIS SUBJECT WITH ALLIES AS DESCRIBED IN PARA 2 ABOVE, AND WELCOME SUPPORT FROM THE NETHERLANDS IN THIS UNDERTAKING.

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